

CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION

Research, Measurement & Evaluation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

9:00 a.m.

CSSD Conference Room

Wethersfield, CT

Members In Attendance: Susan Pease (Co-Chair), Thomas Ullmann (Co-Chair), Bill Carbone, Robert Farr, Richard Sparaco (Representing Erika Tindill), Linda Frisman

Also Participating: Bill Anselmo, Brian Coco, Jason DePatie, Brian Hill, David Rentler

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2012

The minutes will be approved by an e-mail vote.

III. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING

The committee received a presentation on the risk assessment instruments utilized by CSSD and discussed the use of these instruments at the time of sentencing. A key component of discussion was educating criminal justice professionals about the use of risk assessment instruments. Susan Pease suggested that one course of action for the committee could be to recommend that the Sentencing Commission host an educational forum for judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys. Committee members agreed that an important part of education is to explain what information risk assessment tools provide and what outcomes can be expected in terms of recidivism. Further discussion addressed the possible use of these tools in the plea bargaining process.

For more information, please see the full risk assessment presentation under the Research, Measurement and Evaluation's April 25, 2012 meeting available at:

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/csc>.

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IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Susan Pease and Tom Ullmann agreed to establish a Risk Assessment Working Group to continue discussion on the use of risk assessment instruments at the time of sentencing. Membership will include everyone in attendance at the April 25, 2012 meeting. Committee members who were not able to attend this meeting will be notified of future meetings.

The next meeting of the Risk Assessment Working Group will be May 30, 2012 at CSSD.

V. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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